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SUBJECT Relaxed Security Procedures/Port Facilities/Ships and Cargoes Observed/General Conditions, (piers, cranes, cargo handling, and rail connections; also sketch of harbor) DATE DISTR. Mar 60 NO. PAGES 2 REFERENCES 25X1

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1. China
2. a few railway cranes of approximately three-ton capacity resembling US equipment on Piers 3 and 4 for cargo handling. All cargo was brought to the piers by rail. If a ship could not handle the cargo at the time it was brought to the piers, it was stockpiled on the docks to await loading. 25X1
 several small lorries available for use in cargo handling. Piers 1 through 4 on the wharf areas were all equipped with rail track facilities, but there were only a small number of cars available for use. Deck supplies were not readily available in port and had to be ordered from Peking, the normal ordering period being about two weeks. 25X1
 large quantities of pig iron being loaded onto unidentified vessels, destination or exact quantities. There were male and a few female dock workers who performed their duties with fair efficiency.
3. eight vessels of approximately nine to 12 thousand tons moored to the piers. In addition, two Soviet, one Polish, and one vessel. Among the cargo being loaded onto ships were soy beans, barley, other grains, and pig iron. 25X1
4. three or four old Chinese vessels similar to US mine sweepers in port 25X1
 a few military personnel in port who were dressed in navy blue uniforms with open collars and no ties. 25X1
 it difficult to distinguish between military and civilian personnel
5. The town in general was very poor and dirty. only two autos in the town, and these seemed to be designated for use as taxis by the Seamen's Club. There was a tram car that ran into town from the dock area, but it 25X1

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smelled so badly the merchant seamen would often walk rather than ride. There is very little in the way of social activity available. Most of the seamen in port spend a large majority of their time visiting the various merchant ships that were docked alongside the piers. The Seamen's Club has a curio shop, a barber shop, and a small room where one can read magazines which cannot be taken out. [REDACTED] a number of photographs of Khrushchev's visit to the US displayed throughout the club. The photos were "close-ups" which failed to show any background area. [REDACTED] seamen believed this lack of background was deliberately planned so that the evidences of US prosperity, such as cars, buses, parks, etc., could not be seen by the Chinese people or visiting seamen. The rate of exchange posted in the Seaman's Club was 680 yuan per UK pound or 243 yuan to the US dollar.

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